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FREEHOLDERS APPOINT NEW SHARED SERVICES COORDINATOR

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder David T. Lindenmuth, Chair of the County Public Safety and Shared Services Committee, today announced that Margaret Maxwell-Mood of Alloway has been appointed to the position of Salem County Shared Services Coordinator. Her one year term commences on September 2, 2009 with an annual salary of \$40,000 which is paid for by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

"The Shared Services Coordinator will be responsible for identifying the ways and means of creating a more commonsense approach to government allowing the County to improve services and save money," said Freeholder Lindenmuth. "We have been working on a number of shared services projects in Salem County and have a number of successful models from our municipalities. Having an employee whose responsibility is to coordinate shared services will ensure that our vision for a more streamlined and effective government comes to fruition."

Maxwell-Mood possesses a wealth of experience in the educational and private settings. She has earned an Associates Degree in Government Services from Salem Community College, a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Wilmington University, and a Masters of Business Administration from Wilmington University. Currently, she is pursuing a Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership from Wilmington University. She currently serves as an adjunct instructor for Salem and Gloucester County Community Colleges. Previous employment activities include: Business Specialist for Rutgers University, and Controller/Firm Administrator for Belfint, Lyons, & Shuman, PA.

"The interview panel believes that Ms. Maxwell-Mood's experiences in accounting, grant management, and strategic planning will be of great assistance to our government representatives in implementing shared services," said Freeholder Lindenmuth. "Under the direction of Deputy County Administrator Weinstein, she will work with the municipalities, schools, committees and authorities, along with surrounding counties, to develop and implement best practices for shared services."

"I look forward to working with the Freeholders and other government officials to expand Salem County's repertoire of shared services," said Maxwell-Mood. "Shared services are about maintaining or improving services while saving money. New Jersey has embraced the model of shared services as the long-term solution for property tax relief; Salem County has already emerged as a proven leader in the field. However, more must be done, and I look forward to working towards this end."